

FREE STATERS ARE HOLDING MANY REPUBLICANS

Astoria Starts Reconstruction Work With Dawn of Today

THOUSAND FIRES BURNED DURING NIGHT AT ASTORIA

Sailors With Fixed Bayonets Guard Vaults of Banks That Were Destroyed

RED CROSS WORKERS ACTIVE

Authorities are Attempting to Run Down Rumors That Fire Result of Incendiarism

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—Amid the smoldering ruins of the city's business district, relief agencies and preliminary work toward reconstruction began at dawn today. A thousand fires scattered about the devastated area burned during the night, and in the flickering light from these flames could be seen firemen still at work. Sailors with bayonets fixed guard the vaults of the burned banks and numerous soldiers and volunteer relief workers were distinguished by red bands about their arms, an improvised insignia provided by the local police for persons authorized within the fire lines. The specter of the fire long rose from the ashes of the wrecked city and there were many rumors which the authorities are attempting to run down.

Representatives of the state marshal's office and deputy marshals were working with the chief of police and the fire chief in an attempt to learn the cause of the fire which in ten hours yesterday wiped out the business district. One report was the fire broke out in a pool room at one side of the B. B. department store and shortly afterwards another fire was discovered on the other side of that store. Investigators said this might be accounted for by the flames spreading under the piling on which the building was erected.

"If the fire was of incendiary origin it was a pure case of arson," said J. DeWitt Gilbert, news editor of the Astoria Budget. "I do not believe there is any ground for attributing the fire to radicals. The industrial situation at Astoria has not been disturbed. There has been some agitators here but there has been no strike."

RAILWAY RADIO TESTS ARE PROVING SUCCESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The first experiment with radio on a transcontinental train, which is being made by the S. P. on the Overland limited, which left Oakland yesterday for Chicago, is proving a success. According to a message from the train while at Sparks, Nev., the radio picked up messages from points as far distant as Honolulu, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Kansas City. The messages could be heard plainly.

Signals received by the train came more sharply in the higher altitudes than in the lowlands, and could be heard as clearly in tunnels as elsewhere, according to a message from Sparks.

THE WEATHER

Local observer United States weather bureau:
Temperatures 5 a.m. Noon
Current 20 25
Wet bulb 19 23
Relative humidity 80 77
Temperatures, Extreme 1922 1921
Maximum yesterday 24 51
Minimum yesterday 16 37

PASSENGER RATES FOR COMING SEASON THE SAME

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—The transcontinental passenger association today announced the same summer excursion round trip fares from California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia to eastern destinations to be the same for next summer as this year. There is a similarity of rates from east to west.

MINING STARTS NEXT MONDAY AT NEW CALIFORNIA

Operations Will Be Centered On Six and Seven Hundred Levels of the Shaft

Active mining will be started Monday at the New California Tonopah, operations being centered on the 600 and 700 levels. Some timbering has been found necessary on the 400 and 500 levels before mining can be started but this work will be completed as soon as possible.

The vein on the 600 level is from two to six feet in width of good milling grade, upon which very little drifting has been performed. Exploitation of this vein will now be attempted. Sixty feet to the south is an oxidized vein from 18 inches to three feet in width, which has been stopped above the 600 level. This vein was not cut on the 700 level, and an intermediate level will now be started between the sixth and seventh levels to pick up the orebody.

On the 700 level the vein will be on the east. This will enter virgin ground as none of the workings on the upper levels were prospected in that direction.

EDITOR'S TRIAL IN COLORADO IS DRAGGING ALONG

Rod S. Day Takes Stand in Own Behalf Upon Charge of Killing Wood

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 9.—Rod S. Day, editor and manager of the Durango Democrat, today took the witness stand in his own behalf in the district court here. Day is charged with shooting and killing William Lyon Wood, a reporter of the Durango Herald, on the streets of this city the latter part of last April.

PENSIONS COST GREAT SUM OF MONEY TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The American pension system cost the public \$255,201,662 during the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report of the commissioner of pensions sent to President Harding. That the number of pensions in the country is rapidly diminishing is shown in the statement. During the year 25,082 civil war veterans died and 21,259 civil war veterans' widows died during the year. Instructions approved in August last year provide a liberal system of rating claims of Spanish war soldiers

EXTENSION IS MAKING RECORD OF PRODUCTION

Output Is Being Increased as New Development is Carried Forward

MINE PROVES REAL WONDER

Output Has Not Yet Reached the Pinnacle and Future Is Most Promising

The Tonopah Extension Mining company continues to make an enviable production record and each succeeding 15 days is showing a material increase in the value of the bullion that is extracted. During the week a shipment of 25 bars, weighing 92,580 ounces and having a value of \$104,000, was consigned to San Francisco. This is a marked increase over that of the preceding 15 days when the high level of the year was reached with a production of \$84,000 was made. The pinnacle has not yet been reached and the race for supremacy between the West End and Tonopah Belmont companies is now on with a view of determining which can swell the mineral output of the district to the greatest extent.

Official report of operations covering the seven-day period ending Friday night, Dec. 8, follows:

McKane Shaft
1200 level—West drift 1200 advanced 17 feet. In Extension prospect crosscut 1204 advanced 33 feet in Extension prospect.

Victor Shaft
1680 level—Stoping on the Murray vein.

1700 level—Crosscut 1701 advanced seven feet in West End rhyolite. Crosscut 1720 advanced 30 feet in West End rhyolite.

1804 intermediate level—No. 1 west drift advanced seven feet on low grade quartz. No. 5 crosscut advanced 37 feet in West End rhyolite.

1880 level—West drift 1803 advanced 15 feet on six feet of ore. West drift 1811 advanced 14 feet on 10 feet of ore. Crosscut 1813 advanced 11 feet in West End rhyolite. Winze 1806 was continued on five feet of ore. Raises 1816, 1817, 1818 and 1819, all on the Murray vein, were continued on ore; raises 1815 and 1816 have holed to the 1804 intermediate level. Stopping on Murray and Anchor veins.

2000 level—Cutting station is in progress. Development, 240 feet.

ANOTHER RUSE MISLEADING IN JAIL ESCAPE

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 9.—After a search, continued since late yesterday, Deputy Sheriff Frank DeWar of Los Angeles, located here a woman friend of Clara Phillips only to find it was another of the many unfounded tips that had been given officers conducting the hunt for the escaped hammer murderer. After long questioning DeWar said he was satisfied the woman, who formerly operated a dance hall at Tijuana, knew nothing concerning Mrs. Phillips or her whereabouts.

N. F. KERR, manager of the Louisiana Consolidated Mines company, operating at Tybo, is a visitor to Tonopah.

MARY MILES MINTER WILL BE RELEASED

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Famous Players-Lasky corporation today announced that the contract held by Mary Miles Minter, one of the most prominent screen stars, would not be renewed when she finished the picture upon which she is engaged. No reason was given.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Mary Miles Minter is to quit the screen to return to the spoken drama, said Jesse L. Lasky today.

MARRIAGE BY RADIO IS HELD TO BE ILLEGAL

New York Attorney General Says Parties Contracting Must Both Be Present

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The marriage ceremony performed by radio is illegal, according to the construction placed upon the domestic relations law by the New York state attorney general. The words "in the presence" as contained in the law means actual and not constructive presence, the attorney general holds. The question as to the legality of the radio ceremony was brought up by the proposal to have a San Francisco clergyman broadcast the ritual to contracting parties in the new Grand Central palace of New York City. The bride and groom were to broadcast responses in return.

GOLDFIELD CHARITY BALL GREAT SUCCESS

The Elks charity ball at Goldfield last night proved one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in southern Nevada. It is estimated that fully 200 Tonopahs were present, and that in the neighborhood of 40 autos left this town. Goldfield was thronged with people from various points in southern Nevada, the second largest representation having come from Beatty and the Pioneer sections.

Goldfield Elks are famous as entertainers and a program that was as varied as it was interesting, was carried out to the letter. There were many forms of amusement but the cabaret, perhaps, proved the most inviting. Dancing was thoroughly enjoyed and when one grew tired of tripping the light fantastic there was plenty of other forms of amusements close at hand. Everybody present from Tonopah reported having enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and despite the fact that our local people came straggling home in the early morning hours, they were well satisfied with the entertainment that had been provided by the biggest bunch of boosters in the west.

The charity ball was conducted at the Goldfield way. We can always leave it to Goldfield people to do things in the proper way and as usual last night they were not found wanting.

MARK TWAIN OBSERVANCE IS TO BE DISCUSSED SOON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Details of a great celebration commemorative of the life of Mark Twain and the progress of work on the Victory transcontinental highway, are to be worked out at a meeting here of interest to San Franciscans and representatives of the Mark Twain Memorial association of Nevada next Tuesday.

BELMONT MAKES GREAT RECORD OF PRODUCTION

Again Takes Lead in Bullion Output for the Last Half of November

REPORT ON BUCKEYE SHAFT

Work on Leased Ground Progressing Most Favorable on the 1400-Foot Level

The Tonopah Belmont Development company resumed its former place during the week as the producer of the greatest amount of bullion from its milling plant, the consignment for the last half of November consisting of 45 bars, weighing 95,000 ounces and having a value of \$107,000. The next nearest competitor was the Tonopah Extension with \$104,000.

Operations are being prosecuted on seven different levels of the Belmont property, while work is going forward on the 1400 level of the Buckeye, according to the official report covering the seven-day period ending Thursday, December 7. The outcome of development on the latter property is being awaited with more than passing interest. Report of operations follows:

Belmont Shaft
700 level—South crosscut 768 is prospecting for a segment of the Mizpah vein.

800 level—Intermediate south crosscut off of stope 845 is being extended in the footwall of the Mizpah vein. Raise 75 has been started off of the intermediate east drift of raise 850 and is being driven on a foot and a half of ore.

900 level—West drift 9035 is being advanced on a foot and a half of quartz. East drift 9103 has been advanced a short distance on the other side of a fault encountered last week. West drift 9104 is following the South vein and shows a foot and a half of quartz. East drift 9073 is being advanced on two and a half feet of quartz; a segment of the Mizpah vein. Southeast crosscut 9105 is prospecting trachyte.

1000 level—Intermediate west crosscut off of raise 121 has been advanced a short distance after cutting a segment of the Favorite vein. An intermediate west drift has been started off of the intermediate crosscut off raise 121 and is following two and a half feet of fair ore. South crosscut 1031 is being extended in trachyte. Raise 130 is being driven to connect with east drift 9103 and is following a foot and a half of fair ore.

1100 level—An intermediate crosscut has been started off of raise 138 to prospect for the South vein.

1200 level—Southeast crosscut 1251 is being extended in trachyte. East drift 1251 has been started off of south crosscut 4 on a foot of quartz in the footwall of the Belmont vein. Intermediate northeast crosscut off of east stope 7 is prospecting the footwall of the Belmont vein. Raise 69 is being driven to connect with the 1100 level.

1500 level—Southwest crosscut 1505 is being driven to prospect the southwestern section of the property. Southeast crosscut 1507 has been advanced the usual distance.

Buckeye Shaft
East drift 1403 is following two feet of quartz. West drift 1404 has been turned to pick up the vein on the other side of the fault.

FOUR ARE KILLED IN BLOW UP OF POWDER

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Four persons are known to be dead and several injured in an explosion which destroyed the glazing mill of the Black Diamond Powder company, near Dupont, Pa., about eight miles south of Scranton. The explosion was felt at Carbondale, Pa., 25 miles away.

ARCHIE HOPPER ANSWERS FINAL CALL OF MAKER

Was Pioneer of Southern Nevada and Popular With His Fellow Associates

Archie Hopper, one of the best known miners of southern Nevada, with a residence dating from 1906 when he first took up his residence in Goldfield, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Mine Operators hospital following an illness of three days suffering from pneumonia. Archie Hopper had been employed at the Victor shaft for a long period as a shift boss and he was universally loved and respected by all his friends and acquaintances. Born in Springfield, Mo., 38 years 11 months and nine days ago, he was taken with his parents to Colorado when a mere youth and for many years resided at Cripple Creek. In 1906 he came west and located in Goldfield, remaining there until 1917 when he moved to Oregon where he remained a year. He then returned to Nevada and located at Tonopah, where he had ever since made his home.

Mr. Hopper made his home with his aged mother and previous to a few days ago they had resided at 486 Florence avenue. They then moved to the Nyeo club, near the substation, and shortly thereafter he was stricken with the dread disease that resulted in his death. He was a dutiful son, thoughtful of the wants of his mother and other relatives. He was a good friend, a splendid citizen and his death has caused a void in the community that will indeed be hard to fill.

Deceased is survived by his widowed mother and a sister, Mrs. St. Clair Wood, both of whom have the sympathy of the entire community in their great hour of sorrow.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the undertaking parlors at 3 o'clock, and friends of the family are invited.

PREMIER POINCARÉ IS WILLING TO CONCEDE

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Premier Poincaré, towards the close of the first session of the conference of allied premiers here, is understood to have said France would consent to a moratorium of two years for Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied.

ARTHUR C. BURCH IS SANE SAYS TRIAL JURY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Arthur C. Burch, recently freed of the indictment for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, went on trial today for his sanity. His father, Rev. W. A. Burch, and young Burch's attorney, Paul Schenck, both took the stand against his contention of insanity and in support of his insanity charge. Burch later was found sane and his discharge from custody ordered.

BEN ROGERS, Smoky valley stockman, is a visitor to Tonopah.

COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE EXPECTED

It is Claimed All Come Within Scope of Proclamation Recently Issued

TRIAL OF MANY PREDICTED

Dublin Continues to Remain in State of Terror and Firing Follows Promiscuously

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Expectation that yesterday's executions in Dublin will be followed by further shootings is expressed by some of the Dublin dispatches to London newspapers. These correspondents are convinced that the chain of reprisals will continue.

The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent quotes a free state official as saying there are at least 100 desperate men in the city who, having no care for their own lives, will follow the behest of leaders and endeavor to assassinate members of the government and of parliament.

The correspondent remarks the authorities still have in custody several republican leaders who were captured under circumstances bringing them within the scope of the recent proclamation prescribing summary military trial and execution of persons found to possess bombs, explosives or firearms. The prisoners include Thomas Hales, a brother of Sean Hales, a deputy shot Thursday; Michael Kilroy, Sean Russell and Tom Maguire.

Reports from Dublin say there was promiscuous firing there last night. There was no suggestion it was of unusual intensity.

TWO ARMY OFFICERS ARE REPORTED LOST

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Five airplanes in charge of Major L. J. Heffernan, left Fort Bliss today for Tucson to join in the search for Colonel Marshall and Lieutenant Charles L. Webber.

HOUSE PASSES BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Far in advance of the usual time the house today passed the treasury appropriation bill, the first of the big supply measures. It carries \$115,000,000 of which nine millions will be for prohibition enforcement.

Butler Theater Today

Queen of the bathing beauties Marie Prevost in "The Dangerous Little Demon"
Did she dance, did she twist, did she do those little things you can't resist? We'll say she did; also round No. 5 of "The Leather Pushers"
Greatest comedy of the prize ring ever filmed Tomorrow Alice Calhoun in "A Girl's Desire"
and "The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe"